

## INDIANA AND MICHIGAN STATE HAPPENINGS

SEEK RECREATION  
SYSTEM IN ELKHART

Mayor Smith Appoints Committee of Twelve to Investigate Methods.

ELKHART, Dec. 8.—Mayor Smith Tuesday announced the appointment of a committee of 12 to investigate methods of systematizing the recreation features of the municipality, and to take whatever action the committee may decide upon in order to bring the matter before the public in a convincing manner. The mayor's action was the result of a meeting of school authorities and others last Friday evening, when a talk was made by Walter B. Dickson of New York, an associate secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

The committee consists of School Supt. J. A. Wiggers, chairman; Mrs. A. H. Beardsley, Mrs. W. G. Hill, Mrs. Isabelle P. Bowman, A. H. Reiser, Wilbur Temple, J. P. Ohmer, L. M. Russell, C. L. Monger, E. Goldthwait, Fred Palmer and O. P. Bassett.

"That is the number on the South Bend committee," said the mayor. "Over there they engaged a special playground inspector and adopted various plans, which have proved successful and satisfactory."

Births and deaths in Elkhart for November were equal at 20 each, according to returns made to the health secretary, Dr. G. B. Hooplin. Twelve deaths were of persons over 70, and five were under one year. There was one death each from tuberculosis and whooping cough and two from pneumonia. Five cases of scarlet fever were reported, and one each of measles, chickenpox and pulmonary tuberculosis. The secretary says he is certain there are more cases of tuberculosis which should have been reported.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morton Fisher, 95 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sumpter Riley of Bristol, Tuesday. Death was due to apoplexy.

Funeral services will be held at the Riley home at 2 o'clock Thursday, Rev. Dale Beatty of the Methodist church officiating.

Mrs. Fisher was born in Edgefield county, South Carolina, April 1, 1819, came to Bristol about six years ago. The following children survive: Joseph Fisher of Bristol, Joel W. Fisher of Greenwood, S. C. Jerusha Sanders and Mrs. Emma Collier of Argentina, Kas.

The case of the state against William H. Powles on a charge of violating the pure food law in the sale of decomposed peaches to Mrs. Frederick Palmer on Sep. 5, 1914, is on trial before a jury with E. A. Dausman as special judge. Mr. Powles, who sold the peaches for William Currier, was convicted in the city court but appealed to the superior court.

The city commissioners Tuesday instructed Clerk Bixler to notify the county commissioners that they consider unsafe the St. Joseph bridge just below the dam, especially for the large automobiles.

The board also ordered vacated eight lots in Grace Lawn cemetery that have not been paid for by purchasers.

Sylvia Cripe of Nappanee, minor, through her father, Oliver Cripe, has sued John H. Wagner, formerly of the Nappanee Advance, demanding \$3,000 for the publication of an item to the effect that a child had been born to her.

## DEAD AT AGE OF 107

Andrew Massey of Everett, Fayette County, Veteran of Wars.

CONNSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—The oldest man in Fayette county, Andrew Massey, is dead at his home in Orange, at the age of 107. He was born in Everett, Fayette county, in April, 1808, and spent his entire life within a few miles of his birthplace. He farmed in a small way and liked to be out of doors, even tending a little garden all by himself after he had passed the age of 100 years.

It was not generally known here that a man of such age was living, his home being in the extreme southwest corner of the county. The records of his birth, his own belief of his age, and the remembered testimony on the subject of old men through Massey outlived, causes the firm belief that he actually lived to the age of 107. Massey fought in the Mexican war and in the Civil war. He was four times married and the last wife survives. There are no children.

## FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

Fifth Mysterious Blaze at Evansville Causes \$15,000 Loss.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Fire of mysterious origin destroyed the house and barn of William Niehaus, near the city, today. In dragging furniture from the house Niehaus was severely burned about the face and hands. Several cows and horses in the stable perished. The loss is about \$15,000. With the burning of the Niehaus property, the list of fires of mysterious origin in the outskirts of the city is brought up to five.

## HE HAD ONLY ONE BUT

## WHEN DEPUTY APPEARED.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 8.—Percy Burns of Columbus went into the interurban restaurant of which Gustav Meissner is proprietor, and asked for bread, butter, coffee, fried potatoes and quail. Edwin A. Dehn, who was on duty behind the lunch counter, served the meal and collected 50 cents for it, quail being a little out of season and there being a law in this state against selling or offering to sell one of the little birds.

Burns had started to enjoy the bird when Frederick M. Ehlers, deputy fish and game warden, who had been watching the transaction from the sidewalk, walked in and calmly confiscated the quail. The deputy said he needed it for evidence. In city court Dehn entered a plea of guilty to selling quail and Mayor Volland fined him \$25 and costs.

USED THE 'MOVIES' IN  
BIG LAND SWINDLE

Five Realty Men Under Arrest at Terre Haute—Authorities to Investigate?

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 8.—What the police term a petty land graft scheme, that is supposed to have been worked on a hundred or more working people of Terre Haute, was developed in the arrest of five men who have been here since the day before Thanksgiving, representing the Success Realty Co. of Oklahoma City, Okla. The men gave their names as Frederick Herrick, who has charge of the party; William H. Applestone, Henry W. Bachmann, Harry Rishing and Walter R. Solomon. They had a series of moving picture reels, portraying scenes in Oklahoma, which they had been showing in moving picture theaters in the outlying districts. As the patrons passed out they were requested to write their names and addresses on cards which were handed them, the cards being returned to the men who gave them.

How the scheme was worked. Soon afterward one of the men visited the houses of the persons who had written their names and said a member of the family had drawn a valuable lot at Wright, Okla. Later a postal was sent to the persons asking them to call at a leading downtown hotel to confer about their property. Here they were told that a payment of from \$5 to \$20 would be required for the deed and abstract, and it was shown how an adjoining lot to the free one could be obtained by making a small additional payment.

In nearly every case the realty men were successful in obtaining the payment, and when the news of their arrest was made public the telephones in police quarters were kept busy responding to tales of victims who had contributed to the scheme. Letters from the officers of the company were found on the men arrested, advising them not to use the mails or the newspapers in working their scheme, but these admonitions were unheeded, as far as the use of the mails is concerned, as a stock of used postal cards found in their possession disclosed.

Federal Authorities Notified. The latter feature of the matter has been brought to the attention of the federal authorities at Indianapolis, and it is expected the government will take hold of it.

In the city court today the arrested men, who were represented by counsel, had their cases continued until Wednesday. The police say they have positive information that the land men purposed to sell worthless, known in western parlance as "black jack." Herrick had interested a couple of Terre Haute men in the scheme, and it is said they negotiated a number of sales and made collections on such sales, but no charge was made against them.

## OWES LIFE TO DOG

Boy is Rescued From Hog by Pet Canine.

DURAND, Mich., Dec. 8.—Harold Potter, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Potter, residing east of Durand, owes his life to his three-year-old sister and to his pet dog, Collie. The boy slid off a hayrack onto a pig pen and an angry hog made for the boy. The dog and the little girl drove the hog off, although the boy was badly bitten about the face and it was necessary for a physician to sew up the wounds.

## PROSECUTOR ROBBED

Thieves Ransack House Apparently Searching For Evidence.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 8.—Upon his return home from a vacation Pros. Bishop discovered that his house had been ransacked from top to bottom. Inasmuch as nothing was taken, although the house contained silver and other valuables, the prosecutor believes the marauders were in search of papers containing evidence to be used in criminal cases pending in the circuit court, which opened its December term today. A large number of local option cases are on the criminal docket.

RALSTON DENIES HE  
IS SEEKING OFFICE

Says He is Anxious to Retire to Private After Term Expires.

Special to The News-Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Newspaper discussion connecting the name of Gov. Ralston with the democratic nomination for the vice presidency has been so insistent and persistent that it has become really embarrassing to the governor. He has taken special pains to deny that he has any aspirations or any notion of seeking or accepting any office when he retires from his present position.

Following these denials the United Press carried a telegram from Washington Monday, purporting to be an interview with National Committeeman Thomas Taggart. The language attributed to Mr. Taggart, who is attending the meeting of the national committee, was as follows: "The stories about the prospect of a new candidate for vice president have stirred up a lot of sentiment in Indiana for Ralston that may come to something. So far as the presidency is concerned Wilson will be nominated and elected."

Some doubt was expressed by friends of Mr. Taggart who read the dispatch. It was thought that the interview might be partly a misunderstanding of what Mr. Taggart might have said and partly the result of an ambition of the writer to "make a good story."

"I surely have no designs upon the office of vice president or any other office," Gov. Ralston declared when he read the message. "When I have finished my present job I shall be content and much pleased if I may be allowed to retire to private life and resume the practice of my profession. This has been my sincere wish and purpose."

"I do not want to be misunderstood in any way. I appreciate more than I could ever express by word or act the honor which the people of this state conferred upon me when I was made their governor. It is an honor more than I ever had any right to expect or aspire to. I have tried conscientiously to give the people the best service of which I am capable, and hope to do the same for the balance of my term."

"But I am not ambitious for further political honors. If I am allowed to retire to private life and to resume the practice of law, I shall be very happy."

Did Great Work. The two democratic general assemblies meeting in 1913 and 1915 are responsible for more progressive and constructive laws and reforms than any dozen legislatures ever combined to enact since Indiana became a state 100 years ago. The same two legislatures passed less of the undesirable laws than any of their predecessors. The 1913 and 1915 general assemblies followed a long procession of republican majorities and republican extravagance and other things undesirable and the democrats were ambitious to make good contrasting records.

Gov. Ralston was responsible for a number of the most progressive legislative steps and other things which have been enthusiastically endorsed by the people and this has much to do with the fact that his name is being constantly connected with further political preferment.

## HIGH MARK IS SET

Michigan Expects to Sell 4,000,000 Red Cross Seals.

LANSING, Dec. 8.—Eighty-one of Michigan's 83 counties have been organized by the Michigan Anti-Tuberculosis association and are selling Red Cross Christmas seals. The society hopes to sell 4,000,000 this year.

Sturgis has made the best record so far with a sale of two stamps per capita for its population of 3,500. Ludington workers are trying to equal the record.

It has been necessary to add another visiting nurse to the staff to take care of the work, due to the awakening interest in the fight against tuberculosis in Michigan.

ASKED TO PAY FOR BILL. Investigators Visit Near Bear Establishments at Hartford.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 8.—A raiding party organized by four ministers visited three of Hartford City's near-bear emporiums in search of evidence of violation of the liquor laws. The raid is said to have been planned by a number of "dry" workers who took a prominent part in the recent "wet" and "dry" fight here. At one of the places visited, one of the raiders was asked to pay a bar bill of long standing and made a promise to settle it when the proprietor said he would give him just one week on penalty of a licking. The ministers found no evidence of the illegal sale of liquor.

MAYOR IS DEAD. ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 8.—Mayor Charles Sauer died after a five weeks' illness from typhoid fever, in St. Joseph's hospital. He was 45 years old. Mayor Sauer was extensively engaged in Detroit and Ann Arbor as a building contractor. He was elected mayor in April.

## FRIENDS INJURE NOSES;

## EACH ENJOYS VACATION.

CONNSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—Frank P. Zimmerman attempted to put up a stove pipe. A part of the pipe fell, cutting his nose at the juncture of bone and cartilage. At about the same hour, Zimmerman's friend, Samuel Dungan, merchant policeman, stumbled over a sleeping man in a building and fell, breaking the bridge of his nose. The friends are having their first vacation for several years.

WANTS LEGISLATURE  
TO PASS BUCK LAW

Michigan Game Warden Says It Would Reduce Number of Deaths in Woods.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 8.—With the new one-deer law given a good try-out in the season which closed Nov. 30, Game Warden William R. Oates is more than satisfied that the law is a good one, insists that the next legislature should go still further and pass a buck deer law.

"The present law cuts down the deer kill to a minimum and takes out of deer hunting what little commercialism there was in it, but a buck law would reduce accidental deaths to a minimum," says Major Oates. "This year, according to unofficial reports to me, there were nine people killed in Michigan."

"Although it is true that only two of those cases were of men who were shot in mistake for deer, the buck law would have eliminated those two. If the hunter is compelled by law to wait until he sees the horns of a buck coming out of the woods, or if he has to be cautious while going through the woods, he will not be in the habit of shooting human beings for deer."

"The professional hunter unquestionably holds down the hunters going into the northern woods to those who know something about hunting."

BIG UTILITIES' DEAL  
INVOLVES MILLIONS

Indiana Lighting Plant, Operating in Many Cities, Sold—Buyer's Name Not Divulged.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—The Indiana Lighting Co., which operates gas, electric and lighting utilities in many of the central and northern Indiana cities, has sold its entire holdings, it was announced today. The transaction was effected in New York, the headquarters of the company, and the name of the purchaser and the extent of the financing were not made public, although the deal undoubtedly involves several million dollars.

It is understood that the Murdocks, Samuel T. and Charles, disposing of their interest in the lighting company, will devote their time largely to the large cordage plant, which it is proposed to establish, and in which Edward Fogarty, new warden of the Indiana state prison at Michigan City, will be active.

The company's surplus goes to homes and business concerns of Lafayette, Logansport, Fort Wayne, Bluffton, Peru and Wabash. One of its most important manufacturing plants is at Peru, where gas is made for that city, Wabash and Logansport. Another plant for the manufacture of gas and electricity is at Lafayette, which supplies that city, West Lafayette and Frankfort. The company operates at Crawfordsville under the name of the General Service Co., and supplies that city with water and gas.

## CASHIER IS ON TRIAL

Dunon Man Accused of Forgery of His Sheep Notes.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., Dec. 8.—George Hafner, of Lennon, is on trial here for alleged forgery, the result of his copying sheep notes given the Lennon bank several years ago, while he was cashier, and sending the copies of E. Burt Jenney of Dowagiac, then owner of the bank. Hafner says he was merely following instructions from Jenney and his friends are confident that he is guilty of no criminal intent.

The present case is the last of 14 law suits which Hafner has been a principal since the bank's trouble five years ago. All of the other cases were settled a few weeks ago.

## MISTAKE ICE FOR ROAD

Auto Party Injured When Machine Turns Over in Ditch.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 8.—Mistaking some ice in a ditch for the road through the glare of the headlights, caused injury to a party of four men three miles west of Dunkirk last night, when an automobile in which they were returning home from Dunkirk left the road and turned over in the ditch. The injured men were Frank Gilbert, Cliff Jackson, Ed Turner and Noah Gird. All were taken back to Dunkirk, where their injuries were dressed. An unusual circumstance of the accident was that all of the buttons of Gird's overcoat were mashed off but he was not seriously injured. He weighs about 200 pounds.

## CHURCH WORKERS MEET

Rural Pastors and Laymen Gather at Auburn, Ind.

AUBURN, Ind., Dec. 8.—Rural pastors and laymen in the country life movement from all parts of the twelfth Indiana congressional district met here for a rural church welfare conference, the first ever held in northeastern Indiana. Prof. George I. Christie of Purdue university, superintendent of agricultural extension work in Indiana, was the principal speaker. His theme was "Rural Problems."

Other speakers, in addition to Prof. Christie, included Judge D. M. Link of the circuit court; the Rev. E. J. Maupin; the Rev. Walfrid Lindstrom, pastor of the Pleasant Lake church and chairman of rural welfare work in the twelfth district, and the Rev. Oakel F. Hall, student pastor at Purdue university.

Z. M. Smith, state supervisor of agriculture, will speak on "The Observations of a Layman" tomorrow, and Ois Crane, county agent of Grant county, will discuss "The County Agent's Relation to the Rural Church." G. M. Frier of Purdue will speak on "Teamwork," and Dr. W. A. Mills, president of Hanover college, will talk on "The Rural Y. M. C. A."

The meeting today was largely attended. Similar meetings will be held in various parts of the state.

## MEROM DRUGGIST GUILTY

Promises Court to Quit Business. Fined \$50.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 8.—John J. Parker, Merom druggist, who was indicted on four charges for the illegal selling of intoxicating liquor, pleaded guilty before Judge Bridwell in the Sullivan circuit court to one charge of selling intoxicating liquor illegally and was fined \$50 and costs. The three other charges against him were continued pending Parker's fulfillment of his promise to sell his drug stock and retire from the business within the next 10 days. He was also forbidden by the court to engage in the sale of drugs for a period of two years.

Tony White of Shelbyville is held in the county jail as the result of a raid at Shelbyville made by Sheriff Ed Kelly and Kuy M. Kennan, deputy prosecutor, on an alleged "blind tiger," which they found in operation over the building formerly occupied by John Cummins's saloon. A large quantity of liquor was confiscated.

## STRIKES MAYOR'S AUTO

Speeding Motorist Injures Wife of Detroit Executive.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 8.—A speeding motorist crashed into and partly demolished an electric automobile in which Mayor Oscar B. Marx, City Controller Engel, Mrs. Engel and Mrs. Thomas B. Comerford were riding on the boulevard. Mrs. Marx was painfully bruised but the other occupants of the mayor's car escaped with a shaking up.

Two persons were killed and four were injured in half a dozen other automobile accidents in Detroit today.

EATON RAPIDS, Mich.—About four weeks ago Judge Charles H. Whitton, Eaton Rapids fruit grower, loaded two cars with his choicest apples for shipment to a Detroit commission house. The apples have not reached Detroit, and all of the "tracing" by the railroad company has failed to find the cars.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.—Floyd Delaney, 17 years old, has been arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill and rob. Delaney is said to have struck John Stuart, night watchman of the offices of the Trans-St. Mary's Traction Co.

## Thin Men and Women

Here's a Safe and Easy Way by Which You May Gain 10 Pounds or More of Solid, Healthy, Permanent Flesh.

Thin, nervous, undeveloped men and women everywhere are heard to say, "I can't understand why I do not get fat. I eat plenty of good nourishing food." The reason is just this: You cannot get fat, no matter how much you eat, unless your digestive organs assimilate the fat-making elements of your food instead of passing them out through the body as waste.

What is needed is a means of gently urging the assimilative functions of the stomach and intestines to absorb the oils and fats and hand them over to the blood, where they may reach the starved, shrunken, run-down tissues and build them there. The thin person's body is like a dry sponge—eager and hungry for the fatty materials of which it is being deprived by the failure of the alimentary canal to take them from the food. A splendid way of working to overcome this sinful waste of flesh building elements and to stop the leakage of fats is to try Sargol, the famous flesh building agent that has been so widely sold in America in recent years. Take a little Sargol tablet with every meal and see if your cheeks don't quickly plump out and rolls of firm, healthy flesh form over your body, covering each bony angle and projecting point.

Wettick's Original Cut Rate Medicine store and other good druggists have Sargol or can get it from their wholesaler, and will refund your money if you are not satisfied with the gain in weight it produces as stated on the guarantee in each large package. It is inexpensive, easy to take and richly effective.

NOTE: Sargol is recommended only as a flesh builder and while excellent results in cases of nervous indigestion, etc., have been reported, care should be taken about using it unless a gain of weight is desired. Wettick's Original Cut Rate Medicine store.

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Santa arrived yesterday and brought with him his

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for South Bend Girls and Boys

And here it is!

Such a large assortment Santa has never before shown here.

Here are Submarine Boats, War Boats that shoot, Railroad Systems, Autos—all kinds of toys.

Read this list—cut it out—save it. Visit Santa's headquarters—at Wyman's.

Toys—Third Floor; Dolls—Second Floor.

25c	25c	25c	25c
A B C Blocks Alum. Kitchen Sets Auto Garage Attachments Art Needle Work Animals, stuffed Banks Balls (electric) Box Toys Boats Balls, plush Cabooses Cars Ball Dogs Box Toys Bears, Acrobat Blocks, Anchor Bridges Cat, sitting Chimes with animals Corns, brass Corns, nickel Cabooses Cars Cars, Penn., Box Cars, Cattle Cars, Gravel Cars, Lumber Cars, Swift Conductor Sets Cat on Wheel Chairs Drums Games, Flag and Nations Games, Picture Maker Games, Lotto Games, Tiddle- winks Games, Wood- making Horn, Coaching Indian Chief Kitchen Sets, enamelled Knife sets Locomotives, friction Model Village Oil Tanks Piano Stools Pop Cannons Puzzles Roller Chimes Roly Poly Spoons Slates, trans. Sail Boats Scissors soldiers Scissor Geese Trumpets, nickel Tumblers, mech. Table Village Wheelbarrow Whistles	50c	75c to \$1.25	\$2.00 and up
A B C Blocks American Model Builder Auto Garages Attachments B. & O. Box Car Balls, plush Bugle, brass Banks Ball Dogs Box Toys Bears, Acrobat Blocks, Anchor Bridges Cat, sitting Chimes with animals Corns, brass Corns, nickel Cabooses Cars Cars, Penn., Box Cars, Cattle Cars, Gravel Cars, Lumber Cars, Swift Conductor Sets Cat on Wheel Chairs Drums Games, Flag and Nations Games, Picture Maker Games, Lotto Games, Tiddle- winks Games, Wood- making Horn, Coaching Indian Chief Kitchen Sets, enamelled Knife sets Locomotives, friction Model Village Ocean liner Plush Horses Pop Cannons Pumps Passenger Bridge Picture Books Piano Stools Roly Poly Roller Chimes Soldier Sets Berrick Street Rollers Street Lamp Spoons Submarines Table Village Whistles	Auto Garages American Model Builders Attachments Swan Table Trombone, brass Tool Chests Trains, Mech. Toilet Sets, enamelled Tea Sets, enamelled Trolley Cars Tunnels Village War Boats	Stoves Stations Shoo Fly Table Trains, Mech. Toilet Sets, enamelled Tool Chests Village War Boats Wash Stands	

## Three Passengers On Peace Ship



Left to right, Miss Jeanette Kelling of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Inez Milholland Beisevain of New York and Miss Lillian Brown of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mrs. Beisevain's passport was held up, the state department refusing to grant it on the grounds that her marriage to a citizen of Holland transferred her citizenship to that country. She is using a Dutch passport with which she traveled in Europe this summer.